**Connecticut Arts Administrators Association**

*Minutes for the meeting held on January 20, 2022, Virtual Zoom Meeting*

**Attendance**:

Maureen Berescik, CAEA President, Retired Art Ed.; Holly Constantine, Dir. Visual Art, K-12, Glastonbury PS, [constantineh@glastonburyus.org](mailto:constantineh@glastonburyus.org); Brian Frazier, Coord. of Fine Arts, Health & PE, Stratford PS, [frazierb@stratfordk12.org](mailto:frazierb@stratfordk12.org); Shannon Gagne, CAAA Co-Pres., Sprvsr. Art K-12, Simsbury PS, [sgagne@simsburyschools.net](mailto:sgagne@simsburyschools.net); Jon Garcia, CMEA Equity & Advocacy Chair, [advocacy@cmea.org](mailto:advocacy@cmea.org); Michael Gordon, Music Fine Arts & Performing Arts Instructional Leader, Wilton PS; Angela Griffin, CAAA Co-Pres., Sprvsr. Music K-12, Simsbury PS, [agriffin@simsburyschools.net](mailto:agriffin@simsburyschools.net); Dee Hansen, CAAA Past President, Prof. Emerita, Music Education, The Hart School, [dee.hansen21@gmail.com](mailto:dee.hansen21@gmail.com); Derek Hall, Real Art Ways; Melissa Hickey, Ct SDE, [Melissa.Hickey@ct.gov](mailto:Melissa.Hickey@ct.gov);Steven Juhasz, Orchestra Director, Milford, [sjuhasz@milforded.org](mailto:sjuhasz@milforded.org);

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**Membership Business Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 8:35 am Shannon Gagne presided, and welcomed attendees and instructed them to sign in on Chat with name, email, district, and position.

* Today’s agenda and the minutes from Nov. 18, 2021 meeting were shared in advance for review.  Minutes were approved and will be posted on the CAAA website with corrections.

**President’s Report: (Shannon Gagne)**

* Today’s Professional Development session will be presented by Real Art Ways, following the business meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report (Rick Sadlon)**

* Dee, Cindy, and Jill Goldberg have been working with Rick to plan a live summer institute, to be held July 11-14, at the University of Hartford.
  + Districts are encouraged to send teams to work on curriculum
  + This is a 4-day intensive Professional Development opportunity to work on standards-based units, assessments, and program development.
* A leadership session, focused on “getting the job” will be hosted by CAAA at the CMEA conference. This will be a great resource for those who are new to the profession, or who want to make a move in their career. The panel has many years of experience in hiring of people in these positions.
* Rick met with CAS to discuss future collaborations, and supporting filling the Ct SDE consultant position.

**Vice-President’s Report: (Amy Perras)**

* Amy provided details regarding the planned James Weaver, Dir. of Fine & Performing arts, at NFHS, at CAS, in Cheshire, on Saturday, March 12.
  + Topics will be on aerosol study, copyrights, advocacy; this will be a 3-hour session and will cover all Arts.
  + All are welcome, but there is a limit of 60 people in attendance; please sign up on the google form found on the CAAA website.
* CAAA February meeting will be a site visit, hosted by Amy at Milford Public Schools.
  + There will be no business meeting on that morning. The site visit will begin at 8:30. Milford is looking forward to sharing their instructional model which focuses on high quality instruction through student engagement and authentic tasks.
  + The CAAA Advocacy Breakfast will be a virtual event this year, unless the Ct. State Capitol changes current Co-vid protocols. Nomination forms for advocacy awards will be available soon on the CAAA website.

**Treasurer’s Report: (Jeff Spector)**

* Jeff reported current balance of $17,076.20.

**CAAE (Connecticut Alliance for Arts Education): (no report)**

**CMEA Report: (Report sent prior to meeting by Jon Garcia** This will be shared in the folder;

* Upcoming Festivals: Southern Region Fest.: February 4-5, at Maloney HS, Western Reg. Festival February 4-5, at Darien HS; CMEA All-State Music Festival and Spring Conf. March 31-April 2, at the Hartford Convention Center;
* All-State Auditions (Virtual) are due February 5.
* Equity Professional Development Day, May 7, at Sacred Heart University.
* CMEA is working with the CT-ACDA to revamp all choral audition materials to make them
* more pedagogically aligned and equitable.
* The Equity and Advocacy committee is working on scholarship opportunities for all
* students to have access to CMEA activities.
* The Professional Development Committee is busy planning the Spring conference.

**CAEA Report: (Maureen Berescik)**

* The annual awards event which was held on Dec.4th meeting at New Britain Museum of American Art. The museum opened for just our group and art educator award recipients from both 2021 and 2020 were honored.
* The CAEA Conference, current plants to hold an in-person event on March 26, 2022, will be hands-on workshops; A virtual keynote is being planned and more details will be provided once available
* There is a full member meeting (virtual) tonight at 7:30 pm. See the CAEA website for the link to the zoom meeting.
* The 2022 CAEA Scholastics Awards and Exhibit is currently on display at the University of Hartford. This is open to the public, but guest must make appointment with the office at the Hartford Art School to enter the show.
* The NAEA National Conference is to be held March 3-5, in New York City. Early registration ends Jan. 24. This will be an in-person, virtual, or hybrid event.

**CT Department of Education: (Melissa Hickey)**

* Melissa visited Simsbury schools and commended Angela on the great work being done there. She also visited other districts.
* The Ct SDE is working on partnerships for Arts initiatives. Fox 61 is airing spots regularly, showcasing artists, students and programs.
* Holly Madsen and Laura Newell have been working with the state on STEAM projects. Also, Cynthia Ryder from Hartford Stage has been working with them.
* Melissa can send out the Summer Arts information.

**CT Office of the Arts (Bonnie Koba - abs):** (report sent prior to meeting)

* COA has just issued a new round of grant awards – approximately $3M - to 130+ to small theatres and performing groups.
* COA continues their partnership with CT Center for Nonviolence, and now have a diverse body of 22 CT Teaching Artists certified in the Six Principles of Nonviolence, a model for conflict reconciliation and steps toward social change in the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
  + Teaching Artists embed the Six Principles into the climate and culture of the schools, libraries, and communities in which they work.
* Connecticut is one of six states featured in The National Assembly of State Arts.
* CT will also be featured in a NASAA – this is a programming opportunity to discuss this report in a Zoom webinar in late February.
* Arts Ed grants and Grants to schools continues to be on hold based on the potential for disruption caused by uncertainty of circumstances that related to covid.
* In our partnership with AFLCT – the transition of HOT Schools remains on track. AFLCT intends to accept new schools to the HOT program for the next school year. HOT schools has transitioned to Arts for Learning CT. Christopher Eaves is new director. Grants are available through the Artists Respond program.
* Selection of the next CT State Troubadour is in progress.
* COA is selecting 2 teaching artists to be immersed in PD and practice, working creative aging.
* COA is restarting its Teaching Artist program.

**Other Business:**

* Michael Gordon will be presenting at CMEA conference.
* Jon Garcia is looking for chorale director for the festivals.

***The business meeting ended at: 9:10 a.m****.*

**Today’s Professional Development Session, presented by Tina Parziale and Derek Hall from Real Art Ways, “*Art, Identity and Social Justice”*, was recorded and is available on the CAAA website.**

(The minutes of this meeting were approved by the CAAA Officers on Tuesday, February 8, 2022)